ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

There is disclosed an expression vector utilizing an internal polyadenylation signal. The internal polyadenylation signal is inserted between a DNA encoding a protein of interest and a DNA encoding a selectable marker, and allows a single promoter to generate both monocistronic messages and dicistronic messages. Similar, multicistronic vectors can also be prepared. Also disclosed are methods of using the expression vector utilizing an internal polyadenylation signal, host cells transfected therewith, stable pools of cells transfected with an expression vector utilizing an internal polyadenylation signal, and clones of such transfected cells.